

INVESTIGATE THEM!

The Payrolls of the County Clerk and the Sheriff Shown Up.

Knopf's Deputy Comptroller the Best Paid Man in the State of Illinois.

Salaries Have Increased Over One Hundred Per Cent in the Past Four or Five Years.

While the Taxes of the People Have Just Been Raised by the State Board of Equalization to Pay the Pets.

The Republican party has an awful record to go before the people on in the spring.

The extravagance of the Knopf-Lorimer crowd in the county offices is something fearful.

The gang who are now holding up the taxpayers of Cook County are the most barefaced and audacious in their methods of any tax-eaters we have ever heard of.

At the head of the avareious assortment of political cronies is the County Clerk, the notorious Phil Knopf. Knopf has succeeded in having the salaries of his pets raised until they are the best-paid set of public employees in the United States.

Phil Knopf holds three offices himself, to wit: County Clerk, Clerk of the County Court, County Comptroller and Clerk of the County Board.

Lorimer's Tenth Ward Lieutenant, James Monaghan, is Knopf's Deputy Comptroller and Clerk of the County Board, and this man is paid for his nominal duties \$4,000 per year.

A few years ago the duties of this job were well performed by one man, who received but \$2,000 per year, and who had but one assistant.

But in order to curry favor with Lorimer, Knopf appointed Jim Monaghan to the place, and he receives \$4,000 per year, and has an office full of assistants, as is shown further on.

Monaghan's salary of \$4,000 per year is greater than that of any man employed in the public service of the State of Illinois, with the exception of the Governor himself.

But the people have to stand it. Knopf and Lorimer have so willed it. Knopf's chief clerk in the County Clerk's office gets \$3,000 per year, while the chief clerk in the big Recorder's office only gets \$2,500 per year, as does also the chief clerk in the offices of the Superior, Circuit, Probate and Criminal Courts.

But Knopf doesn't care about saving the people's money, so his man gets more than any of them.

A few years ago there was but one marriage license clerk at \$1,500 a year. Now there is a chief marriage license clerk at \$1,800, and two assistants at \$1,500 each.

This is probably to help out in Knopf's marriage bureau which is connected with the license department. Phil Knopf's payrolls eat up \$225,940 a year!

How is that for high?

When it is understood that three-fourths of the men on them can be dispensed with, isn't it high time for the County Board to interfere?

The County Clerk's office itself has a payroll aggregating \$181,796 per annum.

The "County Comptroller's" office has a payroll aggregating \$10,840 per annum.

The "Clerk of the County Court" payroll aggregates \$28,334 per annum.

Total drawn on payrolls sworn to by Phil Knopf, \$225,940.

Following is a complete list of the jobs in the various branches of Phil Knopf's bailiwick, with the monthly salaries attached:

Comptroller's Office—Deputy comptroller and clerk of County Board, \$323.33; chief clerk and bookkeeper, \$250; minute clerk and record writer, \$208.33; bill clerk, \$104.66; assistant bookkeeper, \$150; cashier, \$125; comptroller's clerk, \$125; janitress, \$45. Total salaries, \$16,840.

County Clerk's Office—Chief deputy, \$250; cashier, \$208.33; bookkeeper, \$104.66; deputy, redemption department, \$150; nine assistant deputies, redemption department, \$125; receiving clerk, \$125; deputy, tax sales, \$125; deputy, tax extension, \$208.33; assistant deputy, tax extension, \$150; assistant deputy, tax extension and railroad tax, \$125; railroad warrant clerk, \$125; mail clerk, \$150; deputy, marriage license, \$150; two assistant deputies, marriage license, each \$125; deputy, vital statistics, \$125; map clerk, \$137; three assistant map clerks, \$100; vault clerk, first, \$100; vault clerk, second, \$75; vault clerk, books and papers, \$125; stenographer, \$100; watchman, day, \$50; watchman, night, \$70; 105 ex-

tra men on tax extension, special assessments and tax sales, etc., at \$3 to \$4 per day, according to qualification, \$128,956; total salaries, \$181,796.

Clerk of County Court—Chief clerk, \$208.33; clerk, assistant County Judge, \$208.33; assistant chief clerk, \$137.50; cashier and bookkeeper, \$104.66; record writer, \$150; assistant record writer, \$125; process clerk, \$150; recording clerk, \$125; two minute clerks, each \$117.50; general clerk, \$125; seven extra men on special assessment work, at \$3 and \$4 per day, \$8,704; total salaries, \$28,334.

The Sheriff, who is said to have a rake-off of \$25,000 per year from the jail "dieting bills," has a rousing old payroll, which the new County Board should pay some attention to.

Here are the figures:

Sheriff's Office—Chief deputy, \$300; assistant sheriff, \$300; jailer, \$200; two assistant jailers, \$125; two inspectors, each, \$200; twenty-eight deputies, each, \$100.00; real-estate clerk, \$150; execution clerk, \$150; summons clerk, \$150; assistant summons clerk, \$125; general clerk, \$125; three office clerks, each, \$100; two office clerks, each, \$83.33; jail clerk, \$125; assistant jail clerk, \$83.33; ninety-six bailiffs, each, \$105; forty-two jail guards, each, \$83.33; stenographer, \$100; office watchman, \$65; three jail matrons, each, \$50; teacher in jail, \$40; laundress, \$40; two elevator men Criminal Court Building for carrying prisoners, each, \$75; engineer and elevator man, \$75; total salaries, \$261,020.

Custodian of Courthouse and Employees—Custodian, \$150; clerk, \$100; eight elevator men, each, \$75; twelve watchmen, each, \$65; fifteen janitors, each, \$60; four window cleaners, each, \$60; head janitress, \$83.33; twenty janitresses, each \$45; chief engineer, \$150; three assistant engineers, each, \$75; five firemen, each, \$90; fireman for six months, \$60; pumpman, \$60; two carpenters, each, \$88.40; coal passer, \$60; plumber, \$104; steamfitter at Courthouse and Criminal Court, \$104; assistant to same, \$65. Total salary fund, \$90,337.00.

Custodian of Criminal Court Building and Employees—Custodian, \$150; four elevator men, each, \$75; eight watchmen, each, \$65; ten janitors, each, \$60; four window cleaners, each, \$60; fourteen janitresses, each, \$45; chief engineer, \$150; three assistant engineers, each, \$75; five firemen, each, \$90; pumpman and elevator repairer, \$75; two carpenters, each, \$88.40; plumber, \$104; coal passer, \$60. Total salaries, \$41,280.00.

Just think of it!

For merely "looking after" the Court House for a year, over \$100,000.

If this isn't extravagance, what is?

By the way, how is it that the "County Comptroller's" payroll contains provision for a janitress, and the "Custodian's" payroll provision for twenty more?

Looks strange, doesn't it?

The new County Board has a great work in front of it.

Reform is necessary.

Retrenchment in the County Clerk's office.

Reductions in the County Comptroller's office.

Economy in the Clerk of the County Court's office.

Are demanded of the new County Board.

WISDOM OF CURRENT FICTION.

Sage Sayings from Some of the Late Popular Novels.

I hate a fellow who tries to be more than friendly.—Robert Orange.

Natural sorrow is not forbidden to us, but a persistent dwelling on careless grief is a trespass against the law.—The Master Christian.

The Devil is never embarrassed, and where virtue is found superhuman he takes care to keep it on a sour, if ethical, diet.—Robert Orange.

How quick is a lover's eye! how knowing; how wise is a lover's heart! Which makes it the more and that the lover himself is so often such a fool.—Until the Day Break.

If love is love at all, it merely means complete union, and we cannot imagine a perfect marriage where there is any possibility of wrangling over different forms of creed.—The Master Christian.

Humdrum and foolishness do not scorn to be the boon companions of old age, even, inasmuch that one is sometimes almost driven to believe that folly is the chief employment of old men.—Until the Day Break.

"I want to get home and see the dog again," he said. "I tell you, man, it takes the French to make you appreciate Old Glory. I want to shake the dust of this infernal town off my feet and get back to honesty and sincerity. The honest rascality of American business methods that I've fought all my life is like the teaching of the Bible compared to the slipperiness of the French."—The Expatriates.

History would be a very orderly affair could the dry-as-dust historians have their way, and doubtless it would be thrillingly romantic at every turn if the novelists were able to control its current. Fortunately neither one nor the other has much influence, and the result, in the long run, is that most novels are shockingly tame, while the large body of history is loaded down with picturesque incident, which, if used in fiction, would be thought absurdly romantic.—Alice of Old Vincennes.

Love of woman's a thing apart—beyond all rule and scale, or dogma, or the Bible's self. The passions are pagans to the end—no more to be trusted than tame tigers, if a man is a man. But passions are bred out nowadays. I don't believe the next generation will be shaken to the heart with the same gusto and storms as the last. We think smaller thoughts and feel smaller sentiments; we're too careful of our skins to trust the giant passions; our hearts don't pump the same great flood of hot blood.—A Breaker of Laws.

The Station Agent's Story.

They never did much for me till I got a chance, one day.

To take a better station, and prepared to come away.

I'd worked down there in Watertown for thirteen years, and passed from messenger to agent and was called up here at last.

And when they heard about it they came in with smiles and praise.

And told me how it tickled them to hear I'd got the raise.

They knew I'd have it, some day; they had seen it all the time.

"For a fellow with such talents as I had was bound to climb."

And they put their heads together and got up a splendid spread—

A gorgeous fagwell dinner, with the Mayor at the head;

And they made a lot of speeches and they praised me to the skies,

And I felt my cheeks turn crimson and the dampness in my eyes.

And the ladies that I danced with, when the band began to play,

Said the place would seem so lonesome after I had gone away.

And the wealthy banker's daughter who had seemed so proud before

Almost confessed she loved me, as we sailed across the floor.

And pretty Janet Flemming, who had let me understand

That she held herself above me, trembled when I held her hand—

Trembled, sighed, and, looking at me, said she wished I wouldn't go:

"It'll be so very stupid here without you, don't you know?"

I had never, till that evening, guessed how well they liked me there;

I had worked and hoped and waited and they hadn't seemed to care.

And, oh, what a world of gladness had been mine, if I had known—

But they let me wait and worry and keep toiling on alone.

How I might have held my head up if I only could have guessed—

Had I but known they thought that I was worthy of the best.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

For the correct hat, patronize Dunlap, the Palmer House hatter.

Try "Almanaris" on the side. It won't cost you any more than bottled lake water.

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"My son writes that chasing Filipinos is frightfully hard work."

"Well, the world is round. Write to him to sit down somewhere and wait till they catch up with him."—Indianapolis Journal.

Midsummer Research.

"I haven't been down to the office for three days."

"Sick?"

"No; my family are going away and I've been helping them find the keys to the trunks."—Chicago Record.

KNOPF'S \$4,000 BEAUTY.

Mr. Lorimer's friend and aid-de-camp, Jim Monaghan, gets \$4,000 for discharging the nominal duties of Deputy County Comptroller.

This is a greater salary than is attached to any office in the gift of the Governor of Illinois.

Here is a complete list of all the jobs in the gift of the Governor, and it will be seen that Mr. Lorimer's lieutenant is better paid than any of them:

State Architect, \$3,500 per annum.

The Insurance superintendency is one of the best of the jobs. The salary is \$3,500 per year only.

Adjutant General, salary \$3,000 per annum.

Curator and State Geologist, salary \$2,500 per annum.

State Grain Inspector, salary \$3,500 per annum.

Railroad and warehouse commission, three members, salary \$3,500 per annum, secretary \$2,500.

Superintendent of the Southern Hospital for the Insane, salary \$3,500 per annum.

Superintendent of the Western Hospital for the Insane, salary \$3,000 per annum.

Superintendent of Asylum for Insane Criminals, salary \$2,100 per annum.

Superintendent of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, salary, \$3,000 per annum.

Superintendent of the Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, salary, \$1,500 per annum.

Superintendent of the State Soldiers' Orphans' home, salary, \$2,400 per annum.

Superintendent of the Asylum for Feeble-Minded Children, salary \$2,400.

Superintendent and secretary of the Illinois State Reformatory, salary \$4,000.

Warden of Illinois State penitentiary, salary \$4,000.

Warden of Southern Illinois penitentiary, salary \$3,000.

Secretary of commissioners of labor; salary, \$2,500.

Live stock commission, three members, \$5 per diem; secretary of commission, \$1,800 per annum; State veterinarian, \$3,000 per annum.

Three State humane agents, salary \$1,500 per annum; chief factory inspector, \$1,500 per annum.

State board of dental examiners, five members, pay \$5 per diem for actual time.

State board examiners of architects, five members, pay \$5 per diem for actual time.

State board of pardons, three members, salary \$2,000 per annum.

Illinois canal commission, three members, \$5 per diem.

Commission on claims, three members, \$15 per diem each.

State board examiners of horsehoers, five members, \$5 per diem each for actual time.

Secretary of State Board of Health, salary \$3,000 per annum.

Secretary Lincoln Park Board, \$2,500.

Secretary West Park Board, salary \$2,500 per annum.

Superintendent of institution for education of the blind, salary \$1,500 per annum.

Superintendent of Central Hospital for the Insane, salary \$3,500 per annum.

Superintendent of Eastern Hospital for the Insane, salary \$3,500 per annum.

Superintendent of the Northern Hospital for the Insane, salary \$3,500 per annum.

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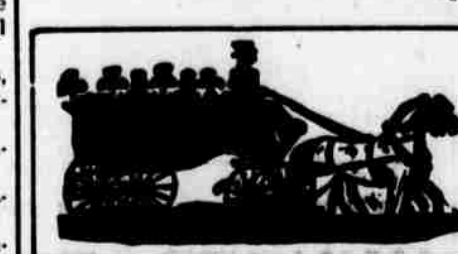
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